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## NCC Obtains Seed Loan for Shopping Center

The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (NJDC) has approved New Community Corporation's (NCC) request for a \$275,000 loan which NCC will use to pay for the initial development expenses of a proposed Neighborhood Shopping Center. NCC President Arthur L. Wilson and Mr. William M. Connolly, Director of NJDC's Division of Housing, signed the formal contract in late September.

Ms. Mary Smith, Treasurer of NCC, hailed the contract signing as "another clear-cut indication that Governor Thomas Kean's administration is committed to doing all that it

can to assist the revitalization of our state's largest city." Ms. Smith praised NJDC Commissioner John P. Renna and Assistant Commissioner Sidney L. Willis for their support and cooperation.

Under the terms of the contract, NCC will be able to borrow up to \$275,000 from NJDC's Demonstration Program to pay for costs associated with obtaining site control and moving the project through the preliminary development stages. The contract covers such items as option agreements, emergency demolition and architectural fees. NCC will repay the interest-free seed money

loan to NJDC from the proceeds of the mortgage financing which NCC will secure for the project.

NCC's plans call for the construction of a new 53,000 square foot, one-story Neighborhood Shopping Center on a 3.3 acre site in Newark's Central Ward. The proposed site, which is located near NCC's primary redevelopment area in the Central Ward, will contain on-site parking for approximately 240 automobiles. A retail food supermarket will be the anchor tenant occupying 41,000 square feet. The remaining 12,000 square feet will be occupied by several smaller satellite stores.

According to Mr. Matthew A. Reilly, NCC Director of Development, financing for the project will be sought from both the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA) and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Urban Development Action Grant (UDAG) program. NCC has worked with both of these government agencies before in connection with the Babyland III and Saint Joseph Plaza projects.

The need for a modern, full-size, high quality food supermarket in the

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## Minority Contractor Has Heart In St. Joseph Repair



### "Like Coming Home"

Minority contractors are part of the New Community philosophy to provide employment locally. This article highlights Charles Ross and his firm, A. ABEES Roofing, who are providing the roofing repair work on New Community's new St. Joseph Plaza on West Market Street.

As he works on the old St. Joseph's Church, Charles Ross says he feels as if he has come home, for he was born at 279 Warren Street, directly across from the graceful brownstone gothic edifice. Because of the segregational attitude of the day however, he did not attend church there, but instead traveled to nearby Queen of Angels Church. Yet for eighteen years the silhouette of St. Joseph's was the first thing he saw every morning, and it holds a special warm place in his memory. He cherishes the role he now has in its restoration and new life.

He left his home for a four year tour of duty in the US Air Force where he entertained as a comedian and dancer in a USO show. After discharge Charlie returned to Newark to settle down. He joined the Springfield Local for Carpenters and was employed by Harry Goldfadden and Son as a carpenter, catapulting to roofing

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## Come To The Gala Ball!

A 15th Anniversary Ball is indeed an auspicious occasion, but for New Community and Babyland it will also



Thomas H. Kean, Governor  
Honorary Chairman

be a rare opportunity to say "Thank You" to its friends, for a large percentage of the people attending the gala will be those who have in some way been responsible for the remarkable success they have seen.

New Community and Babyland could not have accomplished all they

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## Minority Contractor (Continued from Page 1)

foreman in a weeks time because of his agility and the faith of his employer in him.

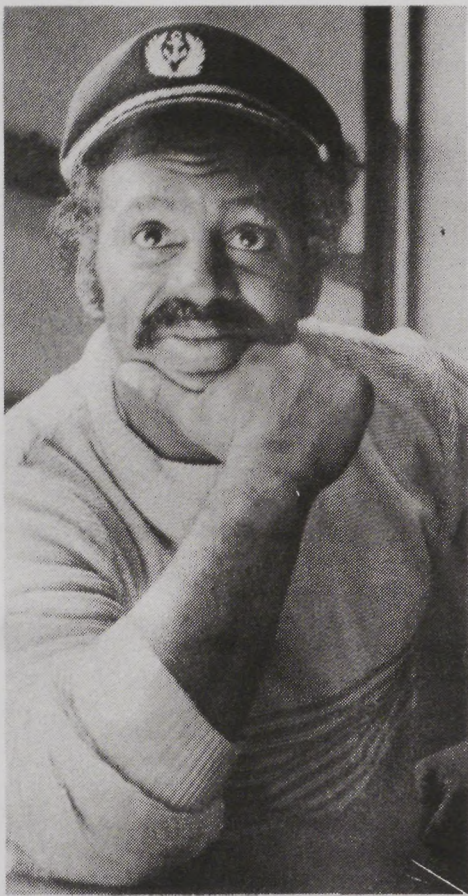
Seven years ago Mr. Ross decided to start his own business with the help of his wife. She attended minority business meetings, cut out bids for construction from newspapers and did other clerical work. In order to give minority contractors an opportunity, the Federal Government is required to delegate 10% of the total amount of each Federally Funded project to minority contractors. In Newark the percentage is 25%. Today he is able to keep 7 men full-time and employs up to 18 men as the need arises.

His rapport with Mr. Goldfadden remains excellent and it was he in fact who was partly responsible for the name of Mr. Ross's company — **A. AABEES Roofing**. Mr. Goldfadden advised him to pick a name which would put him first in the phone books. "Now I'm ahead of Harry Goldfadden," he laughed. "With all those A's I couldn't miss being first." The pronunciation does lead to some surprised reactions upon first encounter.

Charlie's wife Emily is also a native of Newark and teaches at St. Rose of Lima school. They met while she was attending Rutgers University and realized they shared a love of music. When Emily finished school and settled into a job, they married. Mr. Ross also has a daughter, Tanya.

Although his roofing work provides him with a satisfying living, Charles would love to have been an architect. Designing fascinates him and he does his own interior decorating in his apartment, which contains a rock garden with a fountain and an eight foot tree. "It's like a fairyland when I close the drapes," bubbled Emily.

As for his work with New Community, Charles has always been civic-minded and involved in his community and sees this as an opportunity to benefit his own community in a very special way. "New Community and the work it accomplishes is one of my first loves," he told us. "It's a very good feeling to be able to maintain a good standard of living and do something extra in job performance, to know that I'm sincerely accepted. I don't ever plan to leave Newark. A city can reach its lowest point and



Charles Ross

then come back. I have a lot of hope for Newark."

Mr. Ross celebrated his belief in New Community and Babyland by setting up and entertaining at the "last party of the Summer" in the park at St. Rose's recently.

With enthusiastic people like Charles Ross setting the pace, Newark can't help but bounce back.

## Did You Know?

A federal appeals court has ordered the Social Security Administration to notify 78,000 people that can re-apply for monthly disability pay lost in the past three years.

Gov. Thomas Kean and Essex County Executive Peter Shapiro joined thousands of Senior Citizens from throughout New Jersey at the Essex County Senior Citizens Festival and Jobs Fair in West Orange in September. Representatives from the business area discussed possible job openings for Seniors.

The September issue of Senior Citizen News announced that thousands of Seniors, delegates to NCSC special convention, called for an end to cuts in Medicare and for a program of health care cost control.

For those collecting Railroad Pensions the House and Senate passed Legislation to preserve the system. On August 12th, the President signed the measure into law.

Ruby Dawson

## N. C. Clarion Carriers Corps Being Formed

Boys and girls, come join the delivery team of the New Community Clarion Carriers. We are looking for young boys and girls between the ages of 9 to 13 to deliver the New Community Clarion and other community announcements to our residents. For about one hour of your time every week, you can be part of

## Shopping Center Seed Loan (Continued from Page 1)

Central Ward is very obvious to all who live and work in the area. Many NCC tenants and other residents of the Central Ward must go outside the Ward or, perhaps, outside the City to find a food supermarket which they consider acceptable. In addition to the terrible inconvenience which this situation creates for area residents, food dollars spent outside the Central Ward drain money from the neighborhood economy. The long-term economic health of the area requires that this drain be plugged.

The proposed Neighborhood Shopping Center is a major component of the multi-faceted economic redevelopment program which NCC has undertaken in the Central Ward. The estimated total development cost of the project is presently 6.6 million dollars. When completed, the facility will create approximately 210 new permanent jobs and will pay more than \$100,000 annually in real estate taxes to the City of Newark.

NCC has been discussing the development of the facility and the subsequent operation of the food supermarket with representatives of the Supermarkets General Corpora-

tion (SGC) which owns and operates the Pathmark chain of stores. SGC and NCC have been discussing an operational model whereby NCC would be the majority stockholder in the food store and Pathmark would operate and manage the store. This is a model which SGC has used successfully in conjunction with the Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation in New York City. As a matter of fact, the 30,000 square foot Pathmark store which opened in the Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration's Commercial Center in 1979 has been so successful that the store is now undergoing expansion.

SGC has already completed a market study of the site which NCC has proposed. The study confirms that the market area can readily support a first-class, full-size food supermarket. NCC is confident that its continuing negotiations with SGC will lead to the establishment of a Pathmark supermarket in the Central Ward.

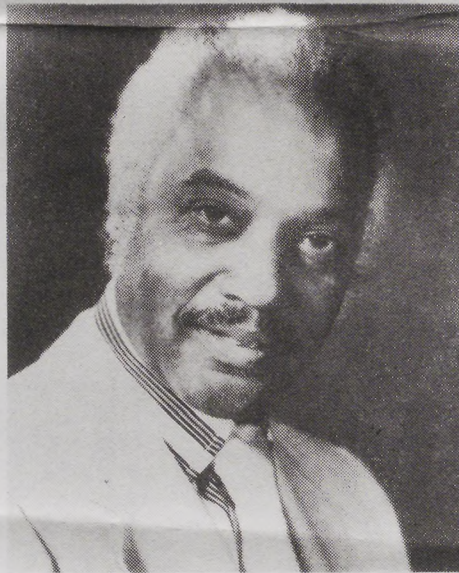
NCC anticipates that construction of the center will begin in late Spring of 1984 and that the facility will be operational by the Summer of 1985.

## To Play At Gala Ball

## The Duke Ellington Orchestra

Conducted By

## Mercer Ellington



Mercer Ellington

The day after his father's funeral in May 1974, Mercer Ellington took the orchestra to Bermuda as previously committed to play at IBM's Golden Circle Convention. It was a hard decision to make, and it was a fulfillment, but in doing so Mercer faithfully maintained a tradition established by Duke Ellington during his five triumphant decades as a bandleader.

Since that time, Mercer has been at

pains to maintain that tradition musically as well as professionally and ethically. The band's library contains all the famous compositions and arrangements, and he has steadily reactivated items in it that had become less familiar through neglect in recent years. His father was so prolific that there was inevitably a tendency to emphasize the "new one" at the expense of the past. It is now possible to see his majestic output in some kind of perspective and to restore classics to the prominence they deserve. This, Mercer is systematically doing, and he is also able to spring enlightening surprises by playing compositions written by his father that were never publicly performed.

The band's personnel includes such musicians as Harold Ashby, Money Johnson and Chuck Connors, whose long association with Duke Ellington ensures authenticity of interpretation. Conducted by Mercer, the band's performances have resulted in tremendous enthusiasm at such diverse venues as the Wolf Trap in Washington, the Ravinia Festival in Illinois, Robin Hood Dell in Pennsylvania, Duke University in North Carolina, and the Steel Pier in Atlantic City. Besides such engagements, Mercer has appeared as guest conductor at the American Song Festival in Saratoga and at the All-City High School Band Contest in Los Angeles. He is also writing the biography of his famous father for publication by Houghton Mifflin of Boston.

With the Ellington Orchestra under Mercer's leadership, Duke Ellington's music will continue to be a healthy and joyous element in twentieth-century life.

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# A 15th Anniversary Gala Ball To Be Held

## Thanks to our Friends

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have alone. They have done so with a "life-net" of support from federal, state and municipal governments, from large businesses and small as well as giants of the corporate world, from bankers, lawyers, hospitals and those in the building trades. And people everywhere have helped, in Newark and Short Hills, Montclair and Berkeley Heights, just to mention a few. The list of names and faces of those involved in their first 15 years of life weave a beautiful tapestry of memories.

To help all who attend the ball capture a little of this background, an audio-visual presentation written and produced with the cooperation of Prudential Insurance Company will be displayed by their technicians that evening. It will attempt to illustrate a bit of the unusual history and exciting growth of the two organizations as they sensed the needs of the poor and managed to meet them with dignity.

Governor Thomas Kean, long a friend of Babyland Nursery from its tender beginnings, is honorary chairman of the ball and will be one of the speakers for the evening.

The Governor helped the day-care center when he was an Assemblyman and Babyland was only a group of women with an idea and a bare apart-

ment in Scudder Homes. Since there were as yet no standards or licensing for infant day-care, Title XX money was not available to them. A caring person, Kean listened to their plight and pushed the necessary legislation to set up infant day-care standards and thus provide funds, even though Babyland was not even in his district.



**Richard J. Hughes**  
Former Governor of New Jersey

As a result, many families today are able to work with dignity thanks to him.

Governor Kean has also demonstrated an interest in the work of New Community for the people of Newark, by numerous visits and availability for discussion about their endeavors. He is especially supportive of the new economic development plan which is providing 450 much needed permanent jobs in the Central Ward.

Former Governor Richard J. Hughes will join him on the speakers platform. Hughes was governor when it all started. The first seed money for New Community housing came from the State of New Jersey, encouraged by strong support from then Governor Hughes. He has joined us at many N.C. events and was main speaker at the groundbreaking for the new Babyland III Nursery. We thank him for his continuing concern for our work.

Mr. Robert A. Beck, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Prudential Insurance Company of America will guide the evening as master of ceremonies. His company has also given monetary and moral support to our endeavors over the years and recently gave an entire housing development, Douglass-Harrison, into our care signaling their belief in New Community's



**Robert A. Beck**

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer  
The Prudential Insurance Company of America

ability to manage their housing.

There are so many more who have helped over the years, and we would like to thank each one personally if that were possible, but unfortunately we cannot. We would however ask you to join us on October 21st and we can celebrate our efforts together.

## An Elegant Setting For An Elegant Affair

October 21st will mark new beginnings in Newark, especially for the Quality Inn-Park Place. A full year of planning, designing and labor have transformed the former Robert Treat hotel into an elegant Newark showplace.

As the setting for the New Community and Babyland 15th Anniversary Ball it will have occasion to show off its new look to a large segment of the local private and business population.

The modern lobby abounds with greenery imparting a fresh garden-like feel to the area, while comfortable color coordinated furniture and lush carpeting welcomes arriving guests.

Soft shades of lavender, accented by sparkling highlights of brass, entice visitors to the new restaurant and cocktail lounge fittingly called Top Brass. The intimate atmosphere affords a quiet setting for either luncheon or dinner.

The spacious hallway adjoining it provides a gracious entrance to the Tri-State Ballroom, scene of our gala. The ballroom, one of New Jersey's largest, offers a backdrop of formal splendor for the occasion with sophisticated tones of rose, burgundy and aubergine woven into its fresh decor.

Innovative use of color, fabrics, glass and lighting has been made throughout the hotel to provide a proper and proud setting for meetings, dances, banquets, conferences and other social and business gatherings.

All of the hotel guest rooms have also been entirely renovated.

The Crystal Ballroom will become the hospitality area for the gala. It has retained its priceless crystal chandeliers which lend a rich and majestic air to the new carpeting and wall coverings of teal and apricot.

The new food and beverage director, Avelino Tubio-Cid, has promised a cuisine to satisfy all palates for the evening. There will be exquisite ice sculptures surrounded by irresistible hors d'oeuvres. But save room for the seafood cocktail, salade cressoniere, lemon sorbet, roast tenderloin of beef and vegetables bouquetiere.

Perhaps a dance or two will ready you for bombe praline and cordials or an after dinner cigar. And along with dinner, white and red wine will refresh the palate.

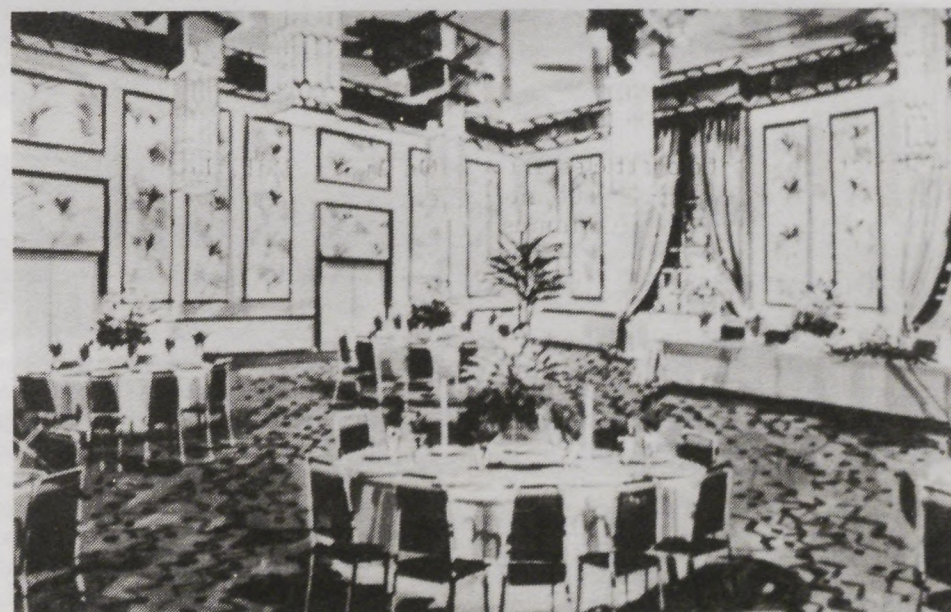
It promises to be an absolutely first-class evening befitting the sterling accomplishments of New Community and Babyland for the people of Newark.

For those coming by air to the festivities, the Quality Inn offers shuttle bus service to and from Newark Airport. If you plan to take advantage of "a room at the Inn" for the night and come by car you may park it overnight free of charge in the attached underground garage.

Andrew Pampanin, General Manager, oversees Quality Inn's Newark operation and is intent on leading it back to the high esteem it enjoyed when founded as the Robert Treat in 1916.



Rendering of Newly Remodeled Lobby at Quality Inn



Rendering of New Tri-State Ballroom



## Fine Example Set By Family



**IT IS BEAUTIFUL & THEY ARE PROUD.** The Walker family gather in front of their home on 15th Avenue made beautiful by the planting of many lovely rose bushes. Myles leans over the rail, as son Boomer age 4 and wife Shirley, with 4 month old Suzy on lap, sit in the carefully tended garden.

New Community has acquired some new beauty. Mr. and Mrs. Myles Walker have cultivated one of the most gorgeous lawns in the city. Adorned with rose bushes and a few other plants it is certainly an eye catcher. Mrs. Walker has volunteered her gardening skills to the community to chair what is now known as the

Landscaping Committee. Several other lawns have been fertilized and re-seeded by residents under her direction and by next spring all the lawns should have a new look. Mrs. Walker is president of New Community Gardens Tenant Association and is very supportive of the residents in her complex. She is the mother of two children ages four years and five

months. Despite the responsibility of her children she is active and very visible in the community. Mr. Walker is supportive of her in all her efforts and lends a hand with the heavy duty work. It's a pleasure to have the Walkers in our community. Their attitude is truly indicative of our slogan, "We're proud to be a part of Newark's New Community."

## In The Garden At The Douglas A Pleasant Place To Gather

The Holleys and the Branhams enjoyed a day in the sun with a Labor Day cook-out they prepared together. Plenty of all the usual cook-out dishes were available and a good time was had by all.

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We really had a ball at the Grecian Garden Dance, sponsored by NCC and overseen by Virginia Scott. The Douglas Garden never looked more beautiful with its lanterns, streamers, balloons and tables so arranged to complement the garden.

A lot of tedious work was done by all those involved in the preparation of this affair. Special thanks to the Superintendent of our building, Clyde Terry, and his new assistant Larry Jones. I might add that this was Larry's first day on the job. We worked him so hard we were praying that it wouldn't be the beginning of the end for him. Smile!

The affair turned out to be a "Goody." We had a good turn-out, good food, good music and a good time dancing and socializing. This affair really put our garden on the map of NCC, as well it should be. We are now more proud than ever and plan many more garden happenings in the future.

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The contractor laid the ground work for our garden with his architectural science. Greek architecture made much use of columns (a slender upright structure, usually used as a support or ornament to a building; a pillar), so you see it really is Grecian

in design. Our tables and benches are also seated on columns.

Those responsible for the floral beauty of the garden are Sarah Mayse, Rachael Wilson, Irene Ricks, Mr. and Mrs. Curry, Muriel Gilmore, Mabel Kearney, Owen Futrell, (his sister sent him Rooster Crown seeds from North Carolina) and last but not least Cornelia Ford, President of the Garden and Floral Club. Her garden day starts at 6:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. and then begins again at 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. This time is spent weeding, spraying, watering and just working the garden. It is an expensive hobby, (considering the price of seeds, plants, cow manure, peat soil) as well as hard work, trying to keep one step ahead of the bugs. This requires a lot of spraying which is also expensive.

But in spite of that Ms. Ford enjoys it as do they all. You can see from the beauty of our garden that it was worth the effort, time and expense that goes with having one. There are rosebushes (plan to have more next year), pansies, petunias, Swedish ivy, purple passion, marigolds, four-o'clocks, dahlias, sweet Williams, colous, bosoms, October pinks, violets, pennies, precious colyers, zinnias, impatiens, and calla lillies. There are also tulips already planted deep waiting for the spring so they can come up. Oh yes, there are also bride and groom plants. So you see, the Douglas Garden has them all!

Alma Hanks



**EVERYTHING IS COMING UP BEAUTIFUL.** It has to be more than a green thumb, as Cornelia Ford stands behind one of her flower gardens at NC Douglas. Cornelia can be seen most every day, and some evenings too, doing the work she loves best. And love can be seen all around as it blossoms throughout.

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## EMPLOYMENT OPENING:

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733-2545	15 Bell St., Orange
733-2495	796 Broad St., Nwk.
733-5073	449 Central Ave., Nwk.
733-3146	275 Clinton Ave., Nwk.
733-3173	505 So. 15th St., Nwk.
733-2356	1006 Broad St., Nwk.



## Get To Know Your Public Officials

*As a public service we interview public officials at various levels to familiarize people with the services they offer to New Jersey citizens through their particular jobs and activities.*

Surrounded by an orderly but voluminous assortment of reading material, Ralph T. Grant fulfills his responsibilities as President of the Newark City Council. His tasks range from that of being a legislator, to orator and finally the role of a compassionate listener to the everyday problems of the poorest city in the state. The powerful and the powerless walk through his door.

He comes to the post with an extensive educational background. A native of Charleston, South Carolina, he attended high school in that city, going on to Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina where he carried a double major, receiving a B.A. degree in Behavioral Science and a B.S. degree in Public Administration. His studies were continued at the Mt. Carmel Theological Seminary in Waco, Texas and Jameson Bible College in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. They earned him both a Bachelor and a Master of Divinity degree. He has done additional graduate studies at Seton Hall University and is presently a candidate for a Ph.D. in Public Administration.

His service to Newark residents began with his appointment by Mayor Kenneth Gibson as Director of the Human Rights Commission in 1970. He stayed with the commission for a short while before joining Action Now, "a program designed to cut through the normal bureaucratic red tape and deliver the services of city government in a much faster manner," as he explains it.

When the city ran into difficulty with its Summer Youth Program in 1975 he was asked to serve as its

head, managing a budget at the time of over 13 million dollars. This budget allowed him to hire almost 15,000 Newark youngsters which he did efficiently and without fanfare or confusion. It received a national commendation from the Department of Labor as the best run summer program in the nation. His criteria was a strict adherence to the public administrative rule with emphasis placed on performance.

After an unsuccessful bid for councilman in 1974 when he lost by only 300 votes, he felt encouraged to run again. He left city employment in 1977 knowing he would run for city council in 1978. This time he was successful, gaining re-election in 1982. He was then elected president of the city council by his colleagues.

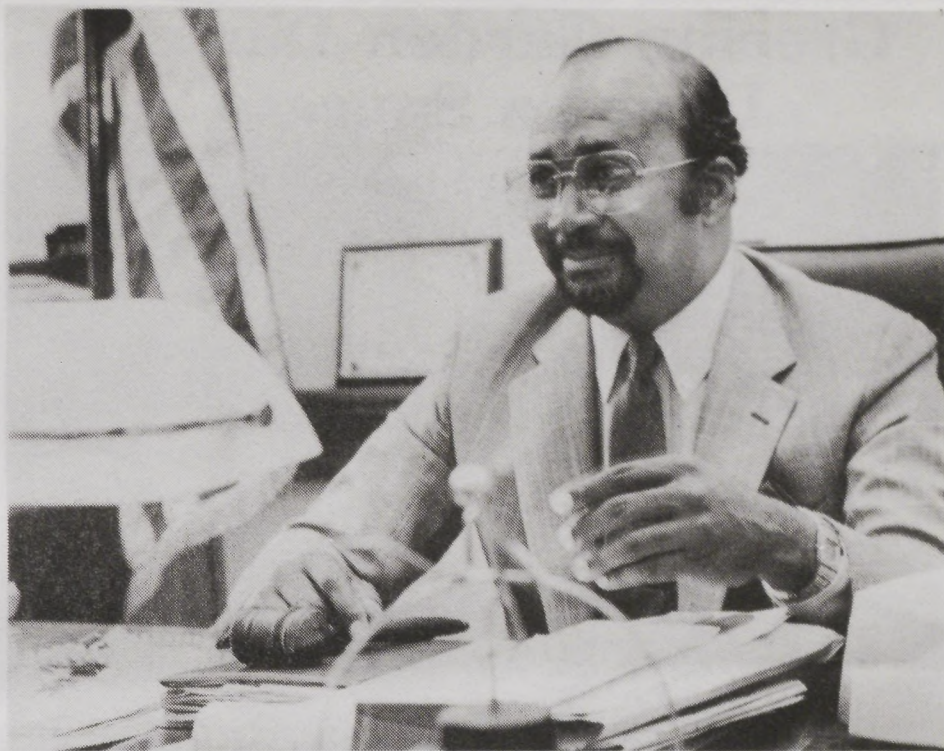
His main role as a city council member is that of legislator, but he is called on for much more.

"I have to get water turned back on, find people jobs and thank God I have to find people apartments," he explained. Councilman Grant told us he feels the most beautiful place he had to recommend anyone to is New Community. He considers New Community a role model for housing for the poor in the city.

"I walk around and I see people picking up debris all day long; I see security moving in and about the complex; I see administration constantly in touch with City Hall. So I see a kind of role modeling that has been set up by New Community for other agencies and organizations to follow," he told us.

Housing and jobs, lights which have been turned off and heat which never comes are among the many problems which cross his desk and require action. He praised many of the landlords in Newark, saying that only a small number, for whatever reason, did not supply basic needs of the tenant.

In addition he is called upon often as a public speaker, and feels that



**Ralph T. Grant** *President of Newark City Council*

"public speaking to a politician is like a saw and a hammer to a carpenter."

Commenting on his relationship to New Community both as president of the city council and former member of the Real Estate Commission, he

felt it was a key one, since he had occasion to sponsor legislation from both positions which would provide New Community with lots to build on. He was impressed because New Community "never came as beggars. They came as concerned community people with a plan, with a proposal, with background, and as a result of that I don't think anything they've ever requested of us has ever been refused." Councilman Grant praised New Community board member Joe Chaneyfield as a person "interested in the welfare of man."

In his position as council president, Mr. Grant hears many complaints and informed us "I would venture to say that not one member of the council has ever received a telephone call of a negative nature about New Community, because if we had I'm sure they would have mentioned it. That makes me feel good, that housing can

be managed."

Looking to the future, he would like to see new housing such as middle income housing come into the city and feels this is vital to the recovery of the city.

Councilman Grant has not only educated himself to better serve humanity but has also recruited over 700 students from Newark for Shaw University since 1971. Over 500 have graduated, and 300 have gone on to receive master degrees he told us.

His son Ralph III, is presently in his second year at Shaw while his daughters Sally Ann and Rebecca attend school in the Newark School System.

He is married to Dr. Gwendolyn Goldsby Grant, a psychologist and columnist for the national magazine *Essence*.

Before we left, Mr. Grant talked about his rise to President of the City Council and his other accomplishments. He felt he still had not finished his work. "I have other political aspirations," he said with a smile, "and they might even include running for the office of mayor in 1986."



Chefs ready their luscious offerings as people begin to gather at the "Last Fiesta of the Summer" held for New Community and Babyland. The lovely park behind St. Rose of Lima School took on a party-like air as the orchestra platform and festive tables changed its appearance for the evening. It was a time to gather and enjoy after a busy summer. Charles Ross contributed his able decorating talents for the affair.



## Grecian Garden Dinner/ Dance a Success



A New Community 15th Anniversary Dinner/Dance for seniors was held in the Grecian Garden, at NCC Douglas, 15 Hill St., Newark, on Friday, September 9, 1983. Just as the vibes and enthusiasm had predicted, the affair was a smashing success. NCC Board of Directors President Art Wilson and Vice President, Joe Chaneyfield attended. Both were helpful in promoting the affair. A wide variety of entertainment was provided featuring The Sam Williams Express Band, Curtis Watkins, classical pianist and vocalist, and "D.J. Danny," with oldie but goodie music. A surprise appearance was made by Essex County/Newark Director of Legal Services, Junius Williams. He assisted Sam on harmonica. It appeared as though some tenants of all ages rolled in from every building. A transportation system had been established for our residents to and from the dance, assuring everyone that they could come, stay as long as they like and then be taken home. The only problem with that was the seniors. Many of them were having so much fun they didn't want to leave, and did in fact stay until the wee hours. (Apparently arthritis was out to lunch on that evening.)

Adults of all ages attended and NC Staff was well represented. Most of the Managers came and stayed for the entire evening. The celebrants and partygoers paraded in, draped in their finery, well prepared for an evening of fun. More than 200 persons attended. Many of the elderly participants stated that they had not gone to a dance in many years and were pleased to have the opportunity to attend in the midst of good security and with a way to get home safely.

The Douglas Social Committee, under the direction of its President Mrs. Alma Hanks, did a terrific job of decorating the lovely Grecian Garden as well as the Community Room.



There were brightly colored lanterns, streamers and balloons hovering everywhere. The many varieties of live flowers and shrubbery blended well with the decor. The huge silver fountain poured out refreshing bubbly punch, in rhythm with the classical tunes that were provided by Curtis Watkins, as he entertained the many garden admirers, who gazed with approval. Meanwhile, inside Sam Williams and his express sang and played old favorites, to the beat of happy hearts and dancing feet.

The 140/180 volunteers and hosts and hostesses are to be commended also for the splendid job that they performed in helping to prepare the food and bartending. The food was delicious and there was plenty, with a large variety of choices.

In essence, everyone had a good time. It was a real treat.

## Commons Seniors

Commons Seniors 140 Club members, neighbors and friends enjoyed a comfortable ride and scenic view on their way to and from Canada. Accommodations at the Holiday Inn were ideal and a pleasant home away from home. The President, Mrs. Simpson and her efficient Secretary planned a well organized weekend. Our Sergeant-At-Arms did an excellent job of assisting and being his usual accommodating self. The club meets on the first Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Join your neighbors. Plans are being made for other affairs. We thank God for returning our Chaplain, Mr. Acie Carter, to us after his illness.

### Sewing Club

The 140 Sewing Club has begun fall classes which are held on Thursdays at 1 p.m. The club is planning an affair for October. Time and date are being finalized. Ms. Boddie, the instructor, is inviting anyone who wishes, to join their neighbors in a relaxing afternoon of conversation, making an item of your choice, or becoming involved in other activities.

### Arts and Crafts

Ms. Julia James, director, of the 140 Arts and Crafts class has introduced the class to new challenging works of art this fall. The club held their crafts sale on Saturday, Sept. 17th. The art and craft classes, which are held every Monday and Friday afternoon at 1 p.m., are the ideal activity for all to become involved in as a stimulant to the mind and hands. A welcome is extended to all.

### 140 Choir

Ms. Zera Brown, director, and her choir gave a musical program on Sept. 10th. in the community room. Many groups and individuals came to 140 to join in this evening of enjoyment and to see friends and neighbors.

Many thanks to all our friends especially those from 180 who are always with us. Music will lighten the burdens and renew our faith. For the many who came, this was a most refreshing evening. There will be other affairs in the near future. Look for announcements.

Ruby Dawson

## N.C. Roseville Report

The evening of Sept. 10, 1983 at Roseville was highlighted by the 1 So. 8th St. Senior Club's first affair, a Fashion Show and Disco. This was an evening to remember in Roseville, considered to be the "sleeper" of N.C. Senior sites. Club officers President Frances Pharms; Vice-President Ila Barnes; Secretary Annie Nicklow; Treasurer, Mary Williams; and of course the many lovely models, were all responsible for our first affair be-

ing successful. Our North Ward district leader, Ms. Jeanette Seabrooks, even volunteered as a fashion model. Now, is that not the way to politics? There were all kinds of styles shown by the lovely volunteer models including Mrs. Iris Lewis, Phyllis Williams, Mary Clements and Ms. Pharms. They surprised everyone with their demonstration of senior/adult attire for day and evening wear.

R. Steve Perkins

## Gardens Senior Establishes Club

Residents of Gardens held a banquet on September 8th in honor of their newly established 265 Club and officers.

Joe Chaneyfield, Vice President of NCC Board of Directors, was the guest speaker. Mrs. Mary King from the National Council on Aging, and Phil Orlando, Director of the Newark Office on Aging, conducted the installation service.

Tenants were very supportive, providing many delightful dishes for the occasion. Everyone enjoyed the gala celebration.



**265 TENANTS ORGANIZATION.** All dressed up with smiles, members of the organization sitting in for photo are: front row, Annie Cobb, 1st Vice President; Evelyn Mach, President; Glennie Bethea, Secretary; Asst. Secretary Mary Bell. Rear, standing: Doretha Herring, programs; Ruth Watson, Chaplin; Edward Crow, transportation; Alma Williams, Treasurer; Edna Davis, Hospitality.



## Culture and Art

### Young People Given Special Attention At Sacred Heart Cathedral Concert Series

Walking through the magnificent sanctuary of Sacred Heart Cathedral with Maestro Thomas Michalak one could feel the excitement building in anticipation of the 1983 Cathedral Concert Series.

A full 100 member symphony orchestra has been assembled by Maestro Michalak and will perform a series of concerts in the church itself. The stage for the orchestra will be the steps leading to the sanctuary amidst an old world backdrop of beautifully carved wood and marble. We discussed many aspects of the new series, especially its implications for young people — their invitation to dress rehearsals, the special agenda for them and the selection of four local students to accompany the professional concert musicians.

Maestro felt it was important for youth to have the unique opportunity to hear a professional orchestra as well as to hear music on the highest level. "That is what we provide in this particular instance," he told us. "Enjoying a live symphony orchestra used to be a luxury in this country, only for the wealthy." A performance of this kind at Lincoln Center would be out of reach to the young. "We must think in terms of building our future audiences," said Michalak. By the time young people reach 13 he feels they are gone, or will be, in another direction. The open dress rehearsals are aimed at grades 7-12 and all public school systems in Newark and Essex County have been notified as well as private schools in

the area and all parochial schools.

The Maestro gave emphasis to the fact that the concerts were underwritten by the major corporations of Newark, for under normal conditions a young person has no chance to buy a ticket. It is as expensive as a meal, he felt and that is a difficult choice.

A few days before our interview Maestro Michalak had conducted auditions for potential student candidates to play with the Cathedral Concert Orchestra. These young people had not experienced playing in an orchestra and were found through the efforts of Fred Ransom, head of the Fine Arts Department of the Newark School System. From 15 finalists Maestro Michalak chose 4 to actually play with the orchestra. The four are Clayborne Haveni, flutest; Naomi L. Parker, violinist; Joseph Foust, violist; and Andrea Singletary, clarinetist. They have been given the music to look over and will choose which piece they wish to participate in.

He expressed pleasure and amazement at the very talented musicians he auditioned, many with little formal training, but with a sincere interest in classical music. He feels that if he can do something to extend that interest to other sections of society then certainly it will be "doing something spectacular."

Music, he pointed out, is one of the most universal arts, since you can have your own individual program as you listen. "If it is exquisite enough," he said earnestly, "it will appeal to



**Maestro Thomas Michalak**

Cathedral Concert Orchestra  
Artistic Advisor and Conductor

everybody's heart and soul."

At the dress rehearsals, a special agenda for the children will begin with an explanation of the church's role in the Performing Arts and a brief architectural presentation about the Cathedral by a member of the N.J. Society of Architects. Careers in music other than playing an instru-

ment will also be discussed.

A guest speaker from Columbia Artists, for example, will explain what it means to be an artists representative and the recording business will be the subject of another session.

Program notes giving interesting details about the music to be rehearsed will follow, along with an introduction to Concert Etiquette.

The students will then be committed to a thirty-minute rehearsal session during which they will be able to follow the proceedings through the use of a microphone which the maestro will be wearing, allowing them to know why he stops his musicians and what is actually happening.

The programs have been prepared by music educators and will allow for question and answer sessions by the students. The students will also be asked to complete a short evaluation form to provide feedback for future sessions.

Maestro Michalak revealed that for many years he had passed the Cathedral and never gone in, but three years ago he entered it and felt it was a very happy place. When Fr. Salemi, the rector, asked him about creating the series he could only say "we will try." But his amazement grew as he talked to people and momentum gained rapidly to bring the support necessary.

"It is happy here," he said of the cathedral — and I'm sure that all who partake of this marvelous opportunity will feel the same.

The remaining student programs will be October 14th and 21st and November 10th.

For information and reservations please call Carole DeSenne at 484-4600.

### Newark Public Library Offers Instant Camera Loans

There are plenty of good reasons for going to the Newark Public Library—great novels, rare journals, reference works and Polaroid instant cameras that can be borrowed free of charge.

What are cameras doing in the Library? "They are now part of our circulating collection," said Thomas J. Alrutz, Library Director. "Like our many books, magazines and records, they're here for the public to use and enjoy."

The Newark Public is participating

in "Check This Out," a program providing free instant cameras to public libraries throughout the United States. The cameras, which are from the Sun series, feature built-in electronic flash and one-button operation. Sponsored by the Customer Service Division of Polaroid Corporation, the program is being offered in cooperation with the American Library Association (ALA).

The idea of borrowing a camera from the Library isn't as unusual as it may seem. Libraries offer a wide

variety of services and materials to patrons and instant cameras are a natural for an information-oriented facility like the Library.

Persons interested in borrowing Sun cameras must have an adult library card. Cameras will be loaned for two week periods. Patrons must supply their own film. Instruction booklets and cases are supplied with the camera.

The camera loans are being conducted through the Art Department on the 3rd floor of the main Library, 5 Washington Street.

### Second Annual Used Book Sale Set

The Newark Public Library will hold its SECOND ANNUAL OUT-DOOR USED BOOK SALE on Sunday, October 16, 1983 from 12 noon to 4:00 pm in front of the main Library, 5 Washington Street, Newark.

The Used Book Sale will be sponsored in conjunction with the Sixth Annual James Street Commons Art Show and Newark Museum's Family Day along James Street, Washington Street and Washington Park.

"We have a tremendous collection

of used books saved from the past year," said Thomas J. Alrutz, Library Director, "so we welcome the public to browse through and buy lots of good, used books."

The Library will have thousands of books available for sale running the gamut from children's, fiction, non-fiction, music/libretti, biography, foreign language, science, reference, etc. Prices will range from 25¢ to \$1.00 per book.

"This is the second year in a row that the Art Show, Museum and Library have cooperated in bringing

together a full day's worth of activities," said Alrutz, "so come for fun activities, a quality Art Show and lots of used books." It promises to be a great day for the entire family.

For additional information about the Used Book Sale, call the Library at (201) 733-7800. IF IT RAINS, THE BOOK SALE IS CANCELLED.

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P.S. For information about the Art Show, call (201) 482-6400 and the Newark Museum's Family Day (201) 733-6600.



**CATHEDRAL  
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**Cathedral Concert Orchestra**  
Thomas Michalak Artistic Advisor and Conductor  
Michael Pratt Assistant Conductor  
Warren Brown Director, Cathedral Concert Chorus

#### 1983 Fall Season

- October 16 Robert MacDonald, organist and the Solid Brass ensemble
- October 23 Carlos Montoya with the Cathedral Concert Orchestra performing works by de Falla, Granados, Ginastera and Monterde-Calero
- November 13 Shmuel Ashkenasi performing Mozart's Violin Concerto No. 3 and Ravel's "Tzigane." Cathedral Concert Orchestra performing works by Stravinsky, Prokofiev, and Ibert and a world premiere piece by Michael Hoppé.
- November 27 The Columbia University Glee Clubs performing Handel's "Coronation Anthems." Warren Brown, Director, Cathedral Concert Chorus. Cathedral Concert Orchestra performing Correlli's "Christmas" Concerto and Vivaldi's the Four Seasons "Winter."
- December 4 Bergen Youth Orchestra performing Wagner's Rienzi Overture and Dvorak's Symphony No. 8 Eugene Minor, conductor
- December 20 8:00 p.m. Christmas Carol Sing The Cathedral Choir with organ and harp accompaniments

The New Jersey Society of Architects, Newark/Suburban Chapter, will conduct tours before every concert at 2:15 p.m. All concert programs begin promptly at 3:00 p.m. Suggested Donation: \$5.00

*"The only tyrant I accept in this world is the 'Still Small Voice' within me."*

—Mahatma Gandhi—





**I AM YOUR FRIEND.** Firefighter Shelton Harris doffs his hat to youngsters at Babyland II. The Newark fire department in a safety promotion campaign visited all three Babylands recently and gave each child a gift of a fire hat and balloon.

## Babyland III Happenings

Enrollment at Babyland III has increased substantially during the month of September and we are proud to announce that we have reached our capacity.

We are also happy to report that our Kindergarten program is under way under the direction of Ms. Dale Farmer, who is certified in both Elementary and Early Childhood Education. Ms. Farmer also holds an M.A. Degree in Education. With Ms. Farmer aboard, we are certain to have an outstanding Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten program, which will include all curriculum areas from language arts and science to fine and gross motor skills.

All of our pre-school children, including those of Oscar's, Kermit's, and Miss Piggy's classes, enjoyed a trip to the Health Fair sponsored by NCC on August 31. The fun-filled day

included a variety of activities as well as lunch.

As fall is rapidly approaching, we are planning a number of autumn-related activities which will include field trips to the Pumpkin Farm and Apple Orchards.

Our first parent's meeting of the new school year was held on Wednesday, September 28, 1983. We would like to thank all of the parents who were in attendance for coming. Our next parent's meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 16, 1983.

Victoria Boyd  
Center Supervisor  
Babyland III

## Registration For After School Program To Begin

The NCC Afterschool Program will begin on Monday, October 17, 1983. The site of the program will again be Gardens Family Pavillion located at 220 Bruce Street. The program will consist of tutoring in a variety of subjects as well as recreational activities and games. This year we also are planning to take 2 field trips per month to a variety of museums, parks, and national shrines. Registration will begin on Monday, October 3, 1983 between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at Gardens Pavillion. Registration must be done in person by a parent or guardian of the child being registered. For further information contact Youth Coordinators Sheila Washington or Paul Reid at 623-6114.

## Especially For Parents Play — Its Meaning & Importance

Play is one of the most natural and important activities for children. Through it they learn about their world and how to make it predictable. They begin by constructing it for themselves in a way that makes it more simple than it really is. However they slowly learn about the physical and social properties. Each year brings greater neurological maturity and ability to plan.

Through play the child learns to cope with object permanence. He learns that in spite of the fact that things look different, they may be the same.

While playing, children become users of tools. They discover how to use things as means to solve problems, and they enjoy repetitive acts which ultimately result in the development of skills which are necessary for the use of tools. Also, through repetition, they develop enough subroutines which enable them to attend to longer and more complicated tasks.

Maria Montessori viewed play as "a child's work." This concept is currently in vogue in early childhood education. On the other hand Freud viewed play as an expression of primary needs. He stated that there are two modes of adaptation: primary needs for food, water, self-esteem, etc.; and secondary needs for adjusting to the outside world.

Piaget agreed with Freud, but he called the two modes of adaptation "assimilation" (concerned with personal needs), and "accommodation" (adapting to the external world.) He states "Play constitutes the extreme pole of assimilation and reality to the ego, while at the same time it has something of the creative imagination which will be the motor of all future thought and even of reason." (Piaget 1962)

Finally, children's play may be categorized under the following major headings, which are closely interrelated:

1. **Motor Development** — How the child manages his body and what he can do with it — involves fine and gross motor coordination and related factors.

2. **Language Development** — How the child communicates with others; his understanding and use of words and ability to express himself.

3. **Cognitive Development** — How the child understands and organizes his world — what he "knows."

4. **Social-Emotional Development** — How the child is able to interact with other people; how he handles and expresses his feelings and emotions, his play, and his personal habits.

Concerning the interrelatedness of the above mentioned, research has shown that a problem in one area can create a problem in another. For example, children with significant motor coordination problems have a harder time with many things. They may have trouble in social situations resulting from an image of themselves as incompetent. Problems in coordination are often related to

problems in perception, which in turn, influence academic learning.

The sense of sidedness within one's own body and the ability to project this sense of image onto objects perceived outside one's self is essential for **learning to read**.

Psychologists tell us that if handedness does not become clearly established, a child is more likely to have problems with skilled motor movements and learning to read.

Fine motor skills and eye-hand coordination are important in daily living and essential in the performance of most school activities.

If a child has problems in perceptual and conceptual development he will also have problems in accomplishing motor tasks.

Problems in speech and language development will create problems in social development and will influence his success in school.

Finally, we can see the value of a child's participation in a good early childhood education program. It has been proven that children from nursery schools are more outgoing, helpful and cooperative with other children. Their activities are more complex and mature. Hence, do not minimize the value of the activities which you may observe. For example, when your child is "playing" with a peg board, he is learning the following:

1. Organization of Approach to a Task
2. Temporal Spatial Relationships
3. Concept of Spatial Relationships
4. Laterality
5. Directionality
6. Eye-Hand Coordination
7. Left-to-Right Progression (Reading Readiness)
8. Fine Muscle Development
9. Establishing Handedness
10. Seeing Design or Pattern as a Whole
11. Color Discrimination
12. Form Discrimination
13. Relation of Figure to Background
14. Control and Limitation of Perseveration
15. Increased Attention Span

The teacher provides the appropriate challenges and introduces materials when needed. She knows the developmental and cognitive capacities of each child and matches the curriculum to these capacities. She allows **freedom** for play which leads to basic research — a fundamental quest for knowledge. The child then becomes a **POTENTIAL CREATOR** as well as a practitioner of learning.

Sister Marie Infanta Gonzales, OSP  
Education Consultant

**"The ultimate measure of a person is not where we stand in moments of comfort and convenience, but where we stand in times of challenge."**

—Anonymous

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## Tips on Health

This section will be devoted to questions and answers on health. Please mail your questions to the **New Community Clarion**, 755 South Orange Avenue, Newark, New Jersey 07106.

**Question: Please write about the importance of immunizations.**

**Answer:** At this time of the year, hundreds of American children are refused admission into the schools because they have not been fully immunized against diphtheria, pertussis or whooping cough, tetanus (DPT), polio, measles, rubella or Ger-



**Soledad Alston  
R.N.**

**Pediatric  
Nurse  
Practitioner**

man measles and mumps. So parents and children line up at doctors' offices to get that piece of paper certifying that the child can now be admitted. It is indeed unfortunate that there are still many parents who look at immunizations merely as a passport to school rather than protection against these diseases.

**Why are these immunizations required?**

Consider the data put out by the New Jersey State Department of Health in its publication No. H2477. One out of every 10 persons who get diphtheria die of it. Six out of every 10 persons who get tetanus die of it. Whooping cough often causes pneumonia; in very young infants, convulsions and

brain damage may occur. Polio causes permanent crippling; one out of every 10 who gets it dies. One out of every 10 who gets measles develops pneumonia; one out of every 1,000 get brain inflammation (encephalitis) which can lead to deafness or mental retardation and one out of every 10,000 dies from it. Mumps causes a mild type of meningitis in about one child in every 10 who get it. It can also cause encephalitis and deafness. Rubella causes damage to the unborn child if the mother gets it. After the rubella epidemic in the U.S. in 1964, 25,000 children were born with such deformities as heart disease, deafness, blindness and mental retardation.

The sad part of it is that no child should have to take these risks anymore. The DPT series should be started at 2 months of age and repeated twice, at 2 month intervals. The polio vaccine is given orally, usually at the same time as the DPT.

A booster dose of both DPT and polio are given about one year after the last one and a second booster is given between 4 and 6 years of age. Measles, mumps and rubella may be given as one shot (3 in 1 vaccine) at 15 months of age. And that is all there is to it. As everyone can see it takes but a minimum of 6 visits and immunizations are free in all public health facilities.

So parents, please do not wait until school time to think of your child's immunizations. For if you do there is always a possibility your child may become that one casualty who will never make it to school.

## DIETING *Breaking Bad Habits*

Now that you're finally dieting, you may find that you've replaced your old routine of midnight snacking or late afternoon refrigerator raids with gum chewing or fingernail biting. In sort, you may find that while you've controlled your poor eating habits, you've replaced them with other bad habits. The internal cue that causes overeating is not hunger but an emotional state. Even if you control the eating, you haven't necessarily controlled the underlying emotional state that leads to it. A lot of snacking at night comes from being bored, or being concerned about something or somebody, and that should be what we look at to break bad habits. If you have a bad habit that you'd like to break, try these few ideas and maybe they can help you stick to your diet.

**(1) KEEP A RECORD OR LOG OF THE NUMBER OF TIMES DURING THE DAY THAT YOU GIVE IN TO THIS HABIT.**

This will not only help you, it will also help you be more aware of how often you do it. Once you have discovered your personal habit pattern, you'll better understand what causes the habit, and you may be able to control the circumstances that lead to the temptation.

**(2) CHANGE YOUR ROUTINE.**

If you read over your record book and see that you always indulge in one of your bad habits after dinner when

you're bored, simply arrange to be active after your meal. For instance, if you were to go to a slimnastics class or some other kind of evening activity, you would not even be worried about something to eat. I am not saying don't eat, I am simply saying watch what you eat. Then you will look better and feel great.

**(3) PAY FOR YOUR SINS.**

Make a deal with yourself: Everytime you slip up, you have to pay for it. For example each time you catch yourself chewing on your pencil or on your nails drop a quarter in a jar and later donate it to some sort of charity.

**(4) TRADE YOUR BAD HABITS FOR A GOOD ONE.**

It's hard to replace something with nothing. So why not try to think of something else to do? Instead of chewing on your pencil or on your fingernails use the time to make a list of positive things to do.

**(5) FIND OUT WHAT'S AT THE BOTTOM OF YOUR HABIT.**

Ask yourself why you feel anxious, bored or angry, then try to overcome it. Most habits are a way of dealing with a negative emotion. The most important part of changing a habit is changing yourself.

Sheila Washington  
Associate Youth Coordinator

## ATTENTION ALL TENANTS

**NCC Health Care Center**

We Have A New Look.  
We also have a new telephone number.

**623-2480**

Transportation to NCC Health Care Center will be provided for your convenience.

Please call for an appointment.

If you have any questions call Social Services  
623-6114



**NEW EQUIPMENT.** Soledad Alston with the help of Georgia Ransome unpack new equipment for the Health Care Center which has been revamped.

## Behind The Shelter Door

During the month of August 1983 the Family Violence Program was extremely active, enrolling 124 women and 334 children. The week of August 31, 1983 found 9 women and 26 children seeking haven, while on September 16th, 5 women and 15 children were here at the Shelter receiving the care necessary to support them in their crisis situation.

It is not unusual for the Shelter to contain such a large number of children in proportion to the number of women. Frequently, the male batterer's action will be precipitated by the attention the woman has diverted from him toward the children. Even pregnancy does not lessen the possibility of a beating. The children in these families suffer greatly from such a man's resentment, when a woman finds it necessary to uproot herself and them and leave the home due to an abusive situation.

When these children come to our Shelter, they have the opportunity to continue their schooling nearby or if they are pre-schoolers, they may attend one of the Babyland Nursery facilities. We are happy to now be able to give more attention to the emotional and psychological needs of

these children through the implementation of a therapeutic activities program which will begin in early October. This program includes play, dance and art therapy as well as sports activities coordinated by a psychology/art therapy counselor.

It is unfortunate that children have to live under these conditions, because this brutality serves to teach children that violence is an acceptable method of ventilating anger or disapproval.

Recent statistics show that 80% of the boys who witness battering incidents between their parents or experience abuse themselves will probably grow up to be abusers. For girls the probability of growing up and getting into an abusive relationship is slightly lower.

We at the Shelter witness the physical and emotional reactions of the children to their experiences and try to work with the mothers so they may understand what it is their children are going through. We hope the new Therapeutic Children's Program will help all of us work together to break the cycle of domestic violence.

Sister Clare Elton



## At Your (Social) Service Douglass-Harrison Surveyed

by Gerard Gannon,  
Director NCC Social Services

### Where We're At!

Within one week of the day that NCC acquired the Douglass-Harrison apartments from Prudential Insurance Company, the entire staff of the NCC Social Service Department was on the pavement conducting a door-to-door survey of every tenant at NCC Douglass-Harrison.

The purpose for the survey, and for the rapid pace at which it has moved, is two fold. The Board of Directors of NCC is anxious to identify what the tenants feel are their most pressing needs, so that these needs may be immediately addressed. In the Social Services area it is of the utmost importance that the tenants have input into the planning of activities and programs in which they are to be involved.

Secondly, the Board is concerned

assistance, they were greatly appreciated.

As a result of the survey, the Social Services Department is now developing plans for providing programs and activities for the tenants of New Community Douglass-Harrison.

### Where We're Going!

Whatever these final plans may be, they will be part of the overall mission of New Community.

That mission goes far beyond the building and maintaining of good housing. That is merely its starting point. NCC is, in the broadest sense of the word, a "community development" corporation — the purpose and goal of which is to affect and enhance the quality of life of the people who reside in the community.

NCC does this by providing a wide range of services and programs addressed to the health, economic,



**GETTING TO KNOW YOU.** Social service department members Gloria Newsome and Sister Marian Spearman visit with Mrs. Zora Knowlton at Douglass-Harrison apartments.

that the tenants have personal contact with NCC staff. Through this contact the tenants can become better informed of the present services available through NCC and any fears about their future can be alleviated.

The results of the survey indicated that, although most tenants were very happy living at Douglass-Harrison, there were certain concerns that they felt needed attention in the area of social services.

Among the more common areas mentioned were: activities, programs and services for seniors and children and transportation for food shopping, and medical visits.

In the course of the survey, the Social Services staff encountered some situations that needed immediate attention. These cases usually involved seniors who were not receiving certain benefits to which they were entitled.

The staff provided immediate assistance in filling out forms, making contacts with local government agencies, and, in one case, merely having one person's prescriptions filled. Though they may be small initial steps, by those who received the

educational, cultural and recreational needs of the tenants.

At the foundation of its philosophy is the principle of self help and self-determination and a strong sense of a community of people caring for each other and working together to achieve its goals.

Consistent with its concept of self determination, NCC is committed to the concept of political and social leverage in achieving its goals. It is concerned that its residents be informed of the political and social issues that affect their lives and be prepared to make their voices heard throughout all aspects of the political system.

Because of New Community's mission, the design and objectives of many of the programs will address the failings of the system, be they in education, welfare, health etc. Though attention will be paid to the needs and problems of individuals, a great concentration of effort will be placed on the broad social and economic issues.

It is by providing this kind of social services that NCC intends to improve the quality of life of all its tenants.



**READY FOR THE PROS.** Sheila Washington and Paul Reid, youth service coordinators, tour Douglass-Harrison apartments to check on the needs of the youth. This little fellow knows what he wants.

## New Community Has A Fair

Although the weather threatened to rain out the Health Fair on August 30, the determination of The Newark Health Department and New Community Social Services would not succumb. With a lot of faith what was almost cancelled drew over 200 hundred children. The Fair was coordinated by Georgia Ransome for NCC and Charlene Mason from the Lead Poisoning Unit. Provided were such activities as the Book Mobile, and a Fire Engine from Newark Fire Dept. There were small pets from the zoo including snakes, which the children found fascinating. There was a Karate demonstration that held the attention of the old and young. The screening and health services provid-

ed upon request were lead poison testing, immunization, "Wic examination", eye screening and tons of literature to circulate in the community. It proved to be a rewarding day for all. There were balloons, tooth brushes, medicine spoons and an assortment of gifts for the tots that were tested. The Fire Department allowed all the children to examine the truck and each child was given a serious lecture on fire prevention as well as a fireman hat. They were absolutely fascinated. The activities started at 11:00 a.m. and ended about 4:00 p.m. The rain came shortly after. We were glad that we didn't cancel the fair for it proved to be a fruitful day.



**NO CLOWNING AROUND HERE.** Rasool Lewis turns his head as his finger is pricked by a health aide to draw blood for a lead poisoning test, at the Pediatrics Fair conducted at the New Community Gardens pavilion by the Newark Health Department. Kareemah Aziz, the clown, watches.



# 76ers Repeat As NCC Jr. Basketball League Champions

For the third straight summer season, the Newton Street 76ers have captured the title of the NCC Jr. Basketball League. The 76ers, coached by Paul Reid and assisted by Gerard Jeter were led by Mike Northern, scoring 17.0 points per game, Darren Carter, with 11.5 points per game, and Richard McQueen contributing 8.1 points per game. The rest of the 76ers team includes Scott Brown, Paul Harrington, Victor Bowman, Dwayne Garrison, and Al-Tariq Whitley all of whom made vital contributions as the 76ers breezed to an undefeated 9-0 record. It marked the first time that any team has gone through the league undefeated although the 76ers came very close last season with an impressive 7-1 record. Over the last three summer seasons, the 76ers have compiled an outstanding record of 22 wins against 2 losses. Paul Reid and Asst. Coach Gerard Jeter who played on the first 76er Championship team, contribute their success to a combination of good talent, a lot of hard work and a little luck! While the 76ers were busy buzz-

sawing their way through the competition enroute to an undefeated season there were four other teams that also proved to be very exciting and competitive.

The Spurs, the newest addition in the league came very close to winning the league title. But the 76ers proved a little too tough, handing the Spurs a 36 to 22 defeat in the league championship game. The Spurs, coached by Shawn McCray, finished the season at a creditable 6 wins and 4 losses. They were led in scoring by Andre Connors averaging 6.1 points per game.

The Nets, coached by Val Robinson, who were last years playoff champions, got off to a fast start with a 2-0 record, but lost momentum down the stretch and finished the campaign at 4-5.

The Celtics, coached by Neptune Pringle in his third year at the helm finished with a 4-5 record. They were led in scoring by Darren Davis with 14.6 points per game and Donnell Frazier reaping 7.2 points per game.

Rounding out the league were the



**CHAMPS AGAIN.** The 76ers led by their coach Paul Reid are New Community basketball champs for '83. The line up from left to right, rear row: coach Paul Reid, Scott Brown, Mike Northern, Darren Carter, and asst. coach Gerard Jeter. Front row: Victor Bowman, Paul Harrington & Dwayne Garrison.



**PRE-READING.** Caregiver Geana Bryant leads a group of Babyland I toddlers in a pre-reading language development exercise which gives youngsters an opportunity to express orally what they find in a picture book.

## Happenings at Babyland I

Through picture books, story telling, forward boards, etc. children at Babyland are exposed to language, and pre-reading development. These activities open the door to a more complete view of their world, and enable toddlers to communicate more meaningfully to each other and adults.

Good language is a must at Babyland and is an important part of the total curriculum.

Language and pre-reading skills developed in a atmosphere where the toddler feels comfortable when he/she is allowed to experiment with words, where parent/caregivers not only encourage language but also listen to

what the toddler is saying, both verbally and nonverbally, is highly recommended as a critical experience. Parents and caregivers alike are encouraged to read and listen to toddlers as often as they can.

The warmth of the story reading situation, sitting closely together in a very small group or an adults lap, as well as the generally positive affectionate climate created by the adult when the child is read to.. help to develop language. Language learned from the stories or picture books, as well as from the discussion, is assumed to make it much easier for children to learn to read when they enter primary school.

It is a giant step to their future.

Lakers, coached by Donald Davis in his second season. Despite finishing with a 1-8 record the Lakers proved to be the most courageous team of all. Most youngsters their age would have gotten discouraged and quit after losing two or three games but not the Lakers. Coach Davis kept his troops together and continued to practice hard but the results continued to be the same. But the team with the most impressive record is not always the winner. The courage and fortitude that the Lakers displayed is a symbol of what true sportsmanship is all about, striving to be the best person that you can be, giving every contest 100 percent and more. Because when you've given your all you have nothing to be ashamed of. There's an old saying that applies here and it goes like this, "winners never quit and quitters never win." Yes, the Lakers are truly winners in their own right.



## NCC Jr. League Standings

\* Final \*

	Wins	Losses
*76ers	9	0
Spurs	6	5
Nets	4	5
Celtics	4	5
Lakers	1	8

\*Denotes Champions

## NCC Jr. League Top Scorers

	Games	TP	Avg.
1. M. Northern (76ers)	8	136	17.0
2. L. Hughes (Nets)	8	133	16.6
3. D. Davis (Celtics)	9	118	14.6
4. D. Carter (76ers)	9	92	11.5
5. R. McQueen (76ers)	9	73	8.1
6. D. Frazier (Celtics)	9	65	7.2
7. C. Lea (Lakers)	9	60	6.6
8. A. Connors (Spurs)	10	61	6.1



## Improvements Planned For Newton St. School

A year ago, in October of 1982, NCC invited representatives from the Newark Board of Education for a tour of New Community. They were quite surprised at what they saw.

Dr. Anthony D'Agostino, Assistant Executive Superintendent of Elementary School Programs; Dr. Lorenzo Grant, Administrative Supervisor of the office of Academics; Mr. William Belott, Assistant Executive Supervisor of Facilities and Service Operations, and Mr. Willie Thomas, Principal of Newton St. School all made the tour.

At the time, they were all overwhelmed to discover that the community surrounding the Newton St. School had undergone a rebirth.

Before leaving, Dr. D'Agostino pro-

mised that the Board would provide whatever was necessary to upgrade the physical condition of the school.

According to a representative of the school, this is one promise that will come to fruition. This year \$120,000 has been earmarked for improvements at Newton St. School.

In addition, if the Newark School budget passes in December, almost \$700,000 would become available in 1984 and \$14,000 in 1985, all for major improvements in the school.

We at New Community are very happy about this. It is a perfect example of what can happen when you involve others in the workings of New Community, and when people communicate with one another.

The whole community benefits.



**LONG MAY IT WAVE.** Winnie Q. Finneran, Director of the Roseville Senior Citizen Club and Marge Fischer, President, present the United States flag which flew over the White House October 19, 1981 to Mr. Wellington Motley, Manager of New Community Manor Senior, for use in the community room. The Roseville Seniors use this room for their meetings. The flag was given to the Roseville Senior Citizen Club by Congressman Peter W. Rodino, Jr. The occasion was the celebration of the clubs 18th anniversary with a party in the NCC Manor community room, where the spirited sound of music from a live band drew people to listen and enjoy.

## Open The Door

A door is a barrier in which an entry is closed and opened. In life there are many doors. References have been made to doors of opportunity; success; fame; wealth; education; and so on, but the door nearest to us is the door to our lives, influencing the entry of ideas, behavior, habits, values and ethics. Motivation becomes important in giving incentive for one to open the door of the mind to become receptive. A closed mind receives little. Free public education is available from pre-school through high school. The door to the school is accessible despite the door to some minds being closed. People do not become educated through some process of osmosis. Education may not come about until people open the doors of their minds and really want to be educated.

There is the free public library with its multi-resources available and yet a large number of citizens rarely use its material. At the Main Library at 5 Washington Street, is the Kurzweil Reading Machine which allows blind people to read almost anything written. This device can scan and convert books and some magazines into synthetic speech. Also, there is a Telecommunication Device for the Deaf (TDD) which allows deaf patrons to communicate with others. Rather than a spoken conversation words are printed out. Card owners will soon be able to borrow a home computer or a Polaroid camera. Resources that could enrich the lives of multitudes are there in the library, but they can help no one until he opens the door. "...ask, and it shall be given you, seek and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For everyone that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened."

Luke 11:9,10

Recall the picture of Christ, standing outside a house, knocking on the door. The latch string is on the inside so an outsider cannot let himself in. The person inside the house must open the door. Christ does not impose himself on the residents of the house. They must make the decisions and in-

vite Him to come in. So, He stands outside the door knocking, waiting for someone to open the door and let Him come in.

He stands outside of the door of countless homes waiting to come in to husband and wife, parent and child, brother and sister, neighbor and friend. He waits to bring love and understanding, peace and forgiveness, healing and hope, regeneration and salvation.

"...if any man be with Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

II Corinthians 5:17

In the face of adamancy, Joshua opened the door of commitment and decision when he openly avowed, "...as for me and my family we will serve the Lord." It takes a lot of strength to 'stand to be counted'—to take a firm stand for a belief—to endure criticism, rejection, and even hatred. It is easier to be popular—to 'go along with the crowd.' Great men and women, down through the ages, have sometimes had to stand alone in the face of adversity at great suffering to themselves. Some were exiled, tortured, imprisoned, 'burned at the stake, and otherwise killed, but the doors they opened benefited all mankind.

In our community, a much needed door to be opened is the door of compassion for our fellow man and neighbor so that hatred and prejudice in the heart be dispelled and replaced with altruism and love.

What door faces you?

Will you open the door?

Lewis Graves  
Springfield Branch  
Newark Public Library

Thanks to you...  
it works...  
for ALL OF US



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### To The Editor:

### A Letter From A Mother

If you get off in the morning from the wrong side of your bed, come to Babyland I and meet Ms. Alice Wilson, with her radiant smile, who gives such a warm welcome that it makes your day a joyful one. Even if you fail to greet her, her first reaction would be, "come on, cheer up! what is the matter?"

Don't ever forget the afternoon gang: Ms. Joan, Ms. Dee, Ms. Ruth, Ms. Emma in the playground during the warm summer. If you feel restless, you want to ease up your mind, Ms. Joan with her good sense of humor would fill you up with laughter. And don't ever underestimate the shy ones such as Ruthy and Deedee. You certainly have a wonderful time with them.

Babyland I is exceptional and they do provide great services to the

children of the Newark Community as well as other communities.

Babyland I has an excellent program that develops the mind of the children. The child is encouraged to understand the real side of life. He/she is involved in different activities. Good habits are developed. They do provide an opportunity for listening and motor skills to develop. Not only can my son sing the alphabet but he can point at the letters. It makes me feel so good when I see my son counting.

He shows so much interest in school that when he comes home in the evening he carries on what has been taught during the day.

When my son started Babyland, I would always ask him "What did you do in school today?" He would reply "Me Mommy, I read Peter." I would

laugh. Now, Francis won't go to bed without a book. "Read for me Mommy", is on his lips every night. The Babyland atmosphere is attractive to him. Francis never wants to miss one day of class. He loves his teachers and his classmates.

In Babyland the child is considered as an individual in his world; as a member of society.

Babyland I is great. Its staff members are not only caregivers, but mothers to those children. I have watched the caregivers. They are so wonderful that I always regret to see one leave. But the new teacher is as cooperative as the previous one.

My baby, Francis has made a great deal of progress. Imagine a child, who with no knowledge of English what-so-ever is now telling me, "don't say that mommy, say it like this." The

child has a lot of sense.

My dearest baby is not leaving Babyland with no notion of letters of the alphabet.

I am very grateful to Babyland staff as the year 1982-83 brings me good luck. I owe a special gratitude to Sister Marie who was so devoted to help me achieve my goal. She was very concerned about my child wandering from place to place. May God be with her.

Babyland employees, I love you all. You are unforgettable. I wish you and the class of 1983 all the best.

Simone Montinat  
Mother of Wesley  
Francis Montinat

